REMARKS

Prior to entry of this Preliminary Amendment:

· Claims 30-70 were pending in the present application.

Upon entry of this Preliminary Amendment:

- Claim 71 has been added:
- Claims 48, 50, 52, 54, 56, 58, 60, 63, 64 and 66 have been amended;
- Claim 59 is cancelled;
- · Claims 30-58 and 60-71 will be pending; and
- Claims 30, 46, 47, 67, 69, 70 and 71 are independent claims.

Claims 30-58 and 60-71 are substantially identical to claims previously pending in U.S. Application No. 09/388,723, to which this application claims priority.

Claim 71 has been added to correct a clerical error in the Preliminary Amendment filed on October 1, 2004. Independent claim 71 was inadvertently omitted from that Amendment, and thus dependent method claims 48-66 erroneously, directly or indirectly depended upon apparatus claim 47. In accordance with the addition of new claim 71, dependent method claims 48, 50, 52, 54, 56, 58, 60 and 63 have been amended to now depend upon claim 71. In addition, claim 59 has been cancelled. No new matter has been added.

Claims **60**, **64** and **66** have also been amended to correct their dependencies. In addition, claim **60** has been further amended to provide proper antecedent basis for the terms contained therein. No new matter has been added.

PAYMENT

Applicants authorize the Commissioner to charge <u>Deposit Account No. 50-0271</u> for the fee of \$200. for the addition of one (1) independent claims in excess of the independent claims already paid for in our previous submission.

We do not believe that any other fees are due, but if a fee should be necessary to continue prosecution of the present application, please also charge any such required fee to our <u>Deposit Account No. 50-0271</u>. In addition, please credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0271.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, and the remarks contained in the preliminary amendment mailed on September 29, 2004, we submit that all of the pending claims 30-71 are in condition for allowance and the Examiner's early examination is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding this amendment or the present application, the Examiner is cordially requested to contact Stephan Filipek at telephone number 203-461-7252 or via electronic mail at sfilipek@walkerdigital.com.

Respectfully submitted,

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